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THE HASTINGS AND MACLEA  
SEAT.  
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MR. SYDNEY SMITH OPPOSES  
MR. BARTON.  
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THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN OPENED  
TO-DAY.  
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MR. BARTON'S RETURN CON-  
SIDERED CERTAIN.

For the time being the political world has been changed from the jobbies and corridors of power in the White House to the country electorate of the Hants and Madley. This circumstance has been brought about by the fact that Mr. Sydney Smith, the Minister for Mines and Agriculture, has decided to dispute Mr. Barton's right to represent the Hants and Madley electorate in the Legislative Assembly. It is understood that Mr. St. John has decided to throw down the gauntlet to the formidable rival after a consultation with Mr. Young, Minister for Works, who, it is understood, is thoroughly in favour of Mr. Barton's candidature. It is expected that Mr. Barton will meet his late colleague by means in his power to get back to the Legislative Assembly.

The candidates for the post of Premier of the new South Wales Government were Mr. Macleay, head and shoulders above all the other candidates in the eyes of the mass who should be trusted by the people to frame a constitution for a new Australia. The voting on that occasion in the House was :—

Mr. BARTON	..	..	..	834
Mr. REID	..	..	..	501

The question is asked, If Mr. Barton stood so much higher in estimation of the electors of the House and Macleay than the Premier, what chance has Sydney Smith of shaking the confidence of electors in Mr. Barton, especially when the Minister seeks to woo their support as an opponent of federation? Indeed, several members of Opposition on Saturday expressed their surprise

the courtesy of Mr. Smith, the speaker of the house, the members of the federal assembly are to be met on the day of the federal referendum vote. At that occasion the voting was as follows:

For the bill .. ..	613
Against the bill .. .	332
Majority for the bill ..	281

Notwithstanding the above facts, Mr. Smith has decided to crown his efforts by the election of the federal assembly of the electors of Hastings and Macleay. To that end he is, in company with the Minister for Works, left for the north coast of New South Wales on Saturday morning. His object was to land at Port Macquarie yesterday, if there was too much sea on that day to land at Trial Bay. The intention of Mr. Smith is to spend the day in company with a view to securing the support of Mr. Barton, who is announced to speak there tomorrow evening.

The late member telegraphed to Mr. Barton Saturday that at all the meetings he had been in several of the principal centres of population in the State in connection with the election of Barton had been cordially endorsed, and at each instance the assembled electors pledged

themselves voluntarily to transfer their support to Mr. Barton. Mr. Clarke added that a number of the earlier dissentients to his action in resigning had gone as far as to complete a withdrawal from the Barton candidature. Mr. Clarke said that he saw the way was the advocate, under the terms of federation intercolonial freetrade, by which the products of the electorate would find an outlet in the ports of other colonies. Several members of the Opposition in commenting on this aspect of the question, expressed an opinion that the Government were not aware of the fact that Mr. Smith's provincial affiliations meant that the markets of the colonies would be closed against the produce of Hastings and Macleay they would not hesitate in their choice between Mr. Smith and Mr. Barton.

South Wales Federal Association telegraphed Mr. Barton on Saturday that the members of body, which did excellent work in securing a substantial majority of nearly two to one in favor of the Commonwealth Constitution Bill on June 3, unanimously decided to support Mr. Barton, and have been doing so ever since. The bill was carried by a large majority. The league is a large influential body, the members of which embrace considerable number of agriculturists, who so federated a means by which the natural product of the colony will be greatly stimulated by additional labor.

It is only right to state that there is considerable "sourness" amongst the members of the Opposition at the action of Mr. Smith in opposing the bill.

Baron. They explain that that gentleman was perfectly justified in his candidature if it was not an appeal from the Opposition to the Government, but the point out that the Minister's candidature has the full approval of the sanction of the Government, and it is believed was instigated by the Cabinet. Even this would not be challenged by the Opposition were it not for the fact that the Premier has expressed his desire to have the Government's sanction as speedily as possible. Yet in sanctioning position to Mr. Barton he has done the very thing that will force the Opposition to keep the door open until Mr. Barton is returned to the House.

Attention is likewise drawn to the fact that Baron has been a member of the Government since the formation of the present Ministry, and that the Government are anxious to see the return of the Hon. Mr. Munro.

and whilst it is admitted that this fact does tend to breed the Cabinet to act in a similar manner towards Mr. Barton, yet it is held that Ministers have not weakened themselves in the estimation of the public position and the country by preclaiming their support of the Government. It is held that it is the duty of a gentleman so pledged to bring about federal union, that he must cordially assist the Premier in his task, providing he approves of the manner in which it is undertaken.

The Premier disclaimed any opposition, and Mr. Barton intimated that that gentleman was a party to the preparation of the amendment which Mr. Lyne has moved on the federal resolutions. The Premier states that, as a matter of fact, as soon as Mr. Clarke's resignation was announced, he had no alternative but to

tion becomes known, he was approached with a view of obtaining the assistance of the Government in securing the election of a candidate in sympathy with the opinions of Ministers. He readily acceded to the request; but immediately Barton raised the standard of party warfare he (the Premier) felt justified in departing from his former attitude of non-interference. Commenting on the probable result of the rotation Mr. Lyne's statement Mr. Barton said that the Government will secure a majority of about 100 members, and thinks the debate on the vote of censure should be brought to a close this week.

REASONS FOR OPPOSING MR. BARTON  
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THE PROSPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN  
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INTERVIEW WITH MR. CLARKE.  
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(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)  
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PORT MACQUARIE, Sunday.  
Anyone who supposed that Mr. Barton is going to have a walk-over for the Hastings and Macleay is very much mistaken. The electorate is not so much attacked in real earnest by Mr. Sydney Smith, the Minister for Mines, who has as his guide, not

phers, and friend that old political campaigner, Mr. J. H. Young, Minister for Works, one of the former residents of the district, and who before the time of single electorates once represented a portion of it. The visit of Mr. Young is not a flying visit. He intends to canvass the district thoroughly, and will probably take one portion of it whilst Sydney Smith visits another part, and he stays up here with his late colleagues until the result of the poll is announced. The visit of Mr. Young is a most welcome one. He has admitted that the district is a hurried one. He has admitted that the electors are not able to elect a representative on Saturday morning, and he left here by the steamship Kallistina on Saturday night, considering it inconvenient to himself. The voters

was a pleasant one throughout. The Kallista punctually at 9 o'clock. The roughest portion of the journey was through the hills, where the vessel rocked a little. After that the sea was smooth as a millpond right up to Port Macquarie, which was reached at 1 o'clock to-day. The Minister and ex-Minister landed in the pilot boat. Young, of course, knew everybody. "Gentlemen," said Mr. Sydney Smith, introducing Mr. Sydney Smith, "your future member." Mr. Smith beamed with pleasure, and he was most cordially welcomed.

**WHY MR. SMITH CAME FORWARD.**

The point which naturally suggested itself to the reporter was why Mr. Sydney Smith should have hastily determined to vote the constituency. It

apparent from the very first that Mr. Young knew good deal about the matter. The Minister worked, however, has peculiar ideas regarding the privacy of the press. The man who can give to your reporter upon first being asked for information, he does not believe in giving to the enemy. Ordinary departmental work, of course, common press property, electronic intelligence he regarded as his sacred, and he thought he would maintain silence regarding it. However, this brings to the pleasant voyage, and, above all, the presence of Mr. Sydney Smith soon caused Mr. Young to modify his views. The real reason why Mr. Sydney &

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Yards Senior Handicap. — Fr

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FLANNERY, DANIEL, CRICKET

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Donaldtown R (101) beat Peter  
any Blue Stars (30) and 56) defe  
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